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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICES

- 1. LATEST PATENT INFORMATION AND ABSTRACTS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL LITERATURE IN THE U.S. WILL BECOME READILY AVAILABLE TO JAPANESE CLIENTS THROUGH ON-LINE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO BE INITIATED ON OCT. 1 THIS YEAR BY KDD (KOKUSAI DENSHIN DENWA CO.).
- 2. TENTATIVELY CALLED "INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER ACCESS SERVICE (ICAS)", KDD'S INFORMATION SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL SERVICES ARE INTENDED TO MEET A SHARPLY INCREASING DEMAND FOR PATENT AND OTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN JAPAN. REQUESTS FOR RESERVATIONS OF SERVICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO KDD BY TRADING FIRMS, IRON-STEEL FIRMS, OIL COMPANIES, AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS AND UNIVERSITIES. KDD EXPECTS THAT NEARLY 100 ORGANIZATIONS WILL REQUEST SERVICES IN THE INITIAL YEAR OF OPERATION.
- 3. A KDD SURVEY HAS SHOWED THAT A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS AND RESEARCH LABS IN JAPAN ARE OBTAINING PATENT AND OTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION THROUGH THE USE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN DATA BANKS. LACK OF ON-LINE SERVICES, HOWEVER, HAS CAUSED INCONVENIENCES TO USERS IN OBTAINING SPECIFIC TYPE OF INFORMATION DESIRED.

4. BY UTILIZING KDD'S ICAS, JAPANESE SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONES AND PUBLIC DATA NETWORKS CAN READILY OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION SIMPLY BY CALLING COMPUTERS IN THE U.S. AND ENTERING THEIR IDENTIFICATION CODES. INFORMATION WHICH WILL BECOME AVAILABLE TO JAPANESE CLIENTS WILL COVER NATIONAL STATISTICS, ECONOMIC STATISTICS, ABSTRACTS OF CHEMICAL, MEDICAL, AGRICULTURAL AND ENGINEERING LITERATURE, PATENTS, STOCK AND COMMODITY MARKETS, NATURAL SCIENCES, POLLUTION, AND ENERGY. FOR THE TIME BEING, KDD'S INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICES WILL BE WITH U.S. DATA BANK ONLY.

5. JAPANESE ECONOMIC JOURNALS NOTED RECENT ACTIVITY OF U.S. DATA BANK CORPORATIONS IN EXTENDING SERVICE NETWORKS TO SOUTH AMERICA AND ASIA. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY NOTED RECENT START OF DATA BANK SERVICES BETWEEN CABLE AND WIRELESS OF HONG KONG AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONS IN THE U.S. SUCH AS ITT, RCA AND WUI. MANSFIELD

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